

CLAIMS

Therefore, having thus described the invention, at least the following is claimed:

- 1 1. An image capture device comprising:
2 image capture hardware configured to capture an image;
3 a network interface device configured for communication with a
4 communications network; and
5 logic configured to generate a digital image of the captured image comprising
6 image data and configured to automatically provide the image data to the
7 communications network for delivery to at least one specified display device.
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1 2. The image capture device of claim 1, wherein the at least one specified
2 display device is specified prior to generating the digital image.
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1 3. The image capture device of claim 1, wherein the logic is software
2 stored in a memory and further comprising a processor device for implementing the
3 logic.
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1 4. The image capture device of claim 1, wherein the logic is further
2 configured to provide automated image delivery information to the communications
3 network for delivery to an image delivery system in communication with the
4 communications network, the automated image delivery information comprising data

configured for use by the image delivery system to determine the at least one specified image display device to which the image data is to be delivered.

5. The image capture device of claim 1, wherein the image capture hardware is configured to scan the image.

6. The image capture device of claim 1, wherein the image capture hardware comprises one of a digital camera, a scanner, a WebTV® receiver, a digital picture frame, and a video recorder..

7. The image capture device of claim 4, wherein the automated image delivery information further comprises identification data associated with the image capture device, the identification data configured to be used by the image delivery system to identify the image capture device.

8. An image capture device comprising:
 means for capturing an image;
 means for generating a digital image of the captured image, the digital image comprising image data;
 means for communicating with a communications network; and
 means for automatically providing the image data directly to the communications network for delivery to at least one specified display device.

1 9. The image capture device of claim 8, further comprising a means for
2 providing automated image delivery information to the communications network for
3 delivery to an image delivery system in communication with the communications
4 network, the automated image delivery information comprising data configured for
5 use by the image delivery system to determine the at least one specified image display
6 device to which the image data is to be delivered.

1 10. A method for providing automated delivery of digital images, the
2 method comprising the steps of:
3 capturing an image;
4 generating a digital image of the captured image, the digital image comprising
5 image data;
6 providing the image data to a communications network for delivery to an
7 image delivery system.

1 11. The method of claim 10, further comprising providing automated
2 image delivery information to the communications network for delivery to the image
3 delivery system, the automated image delivery information comprising data
4 configured to enable the image delivery system to determine at least one image
5 display device to which the image data is to be delivered.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein the automated image delivery information further comprises identification data associated with the image capture device, the identification data configured to enable the image delivery system to identify the image capture device.

13. A method for providing automated delivery of digital images, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving automated image delivery information associated with an image capture device, the automated image delivery information configured for determining an image display device to which a particular digital image is to be delivered;

receiving image data related to a digital image, the image data provided by the image capture device to the communications network;

based on the automated image delivery information, determining the image display device to which the image data is to be delivered; and

providing the image data to the communications network for delivery to the image display device.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the automated image delivery information includes identification data associated with the image capture device, the identification data configured for enabling identification of the image capture device

1 15. A system for providing automated delivery of digital images, the
2 system comprising:
3 means for receiving automated image delivery information from an image
4 capture device via a communications network, the automated image delivery
5 information configured for determining an image display device to which a particular
6 digital image is to be delivered;
7 means for receiving image data related to a digital image from an image
8 capture device via the communications network;
9 means for determining, based on the automated image delivery information,
10 the image display device to which the image data is to be delivered; and
11 means for providing the image data to the communications network for
12 delivery to the image display device.

1 16. The system of claim 15, wherein the automated image delivery
2 information further comprises identification data associated with the image capture
3 device, the identification data configured to identify the image capture device.

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1 17. An image delivery system for providing automated delivery of digital
2 images, comprising:
3 a network interface device configured for communication with a
4 communications network; and
5 logic configured to:
6 receive from an image capture device, via the communications
7 network, automated image delivery information associated with the image
8 capture device, the automated image delivery information configured for
9 determining an image display device to which a particular digital image is to
10 be delivered;
11 receiving from the image capture device, via the network, image data
12 related to a digital image;
13 determining, based on the automated image delivery information, the
14 image display device to which the image data is to be delivered; and
15 providing the image data to the communications network for delivery
16 to the image display device.

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1 18. The image delivery system of claim 17, wherein the logic is software
2 stored in a memory and further comprising a processor device for implementing the
3 logic.

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1 19. The image delivery system of claim 17, wherein the automated image
2 delivery information includes identification data associated with the image capture
3 device, the identification data identifying the image capture device.

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